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**PARIS TELNO 942: NEW GERMAN GOVERNMENT'S FOREIGN POLICY**

1. THE FIRST DIPLOMATIC MOVES BY THE NEW FEDERAL GOVERNMENT ARE OBVIOUSLY INTENDED TO DEMONSTRATE CONTINUITY IN FOREIGN POLICY AND TO GIVE KOHL PERSONALLY THE INTERNATIONAL PROFILE WHICH HE SO FAR LACKS.

2. THE VISIT TO PARIS WITHIN HOURS OF THE FORMATION OF THE NEW CABINET WAS THE MOST STRIKING DEMONSTRATION OF THIS. KOHL TOOK NO OFFICIALS WITH HIM (EXCEPT HIS NEW CDU CABINET SECRETARY) AND IT MAY BE SOME TIME BEFORE WE OBTAIN A MORE DETAILED ACCOUNT HERE THAN THE ONE IN PARIS TUR. THE FRG PRESS HAS HIGHLIGHTED THE FOLLOWING POINTS:-

- THE DELAYED MEETING OF FRENCH AND GERMAN DEFENCE AND FOREIGN MINISTERS IS TO TAKE PLACE QUOTE IN CONNECTION WITH THE FRANCO-GERMAN SUMMIT ON 21-22 OCTOBER UNQUOTE.
- THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO MAINTAIN AN INTENSIVE AND CONTINUOUS COORDINATION OF POLICY ON EAST-WEST MATTERS AND TO THIS END AGREED TO FORM A JOINT STUDY GROUP.
- THE TWO GOVERNMENTS AGREED, IN THE SPIRIT OF THE GENSCHER/COLOMBO INITIATIVE, TO WORK FOR A DEEPENING OF EUROPEAN POLITICAL COOPERATION AND ITS EXTENSION IN PARTICULAR TO SECURITY QUESTIONS.
- THE SPECIAL FRANCO-GERMAN COOPERATION BASED ON THE ELYSEE TREATY SHOULD BE CONTINUED AT ALL LEVELS AND THERE SHOULD BE A SPECIAL EFFORT TO MARK THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THIS TREATY ON 22 JANUARY 1983.

3. THE PRESS EXPECT THAT MITTERRAND WILL BRING A LARGE DELEGATION TO THE CONSULTATIONS HERE ON 21 OCTOBER AND THAT THE PRINCIPAL THEMES WILL THEN BE THE EUROPEAN AND WORLD ECONOMIC SITUATIONS, THE EMS AND QUOTE COMMUNITY REFORMS UNQUOTE.

4. ACCORDING TO THE PRESS THE QUESTION OF THE PIPELINE DEAL WAS ONLY DEALT WITH IN PASSING. KOHL AND MITTERRAND AGREED THAT EXISTING CONTACTS SHOULD BE FULFILLED.

5. KOHL ALSO VISITED BRUSSELS YESTERDAY. THE VISIT HAD BEEN AGREED PREVIOUSLY AND WAS FOR A MEETING OF THE STEERING COMMITTEE OF THE EUROPEAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (THE EUROPEAN GROUPING OF CHRISTIAN DEMOCRATIC PARTIES). HOWEVER HE ALSO HAD A MEETING WITH THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTER. HE TOLD THE PRESS IN BRUSSELS THAT EUROPEAN UNIFICATION WOULD HAVE QUOTE ABSOLUTE PRIORITY UNQUOTE IN HIS THINKING.

6. MEANWHILE GENSCHER FLEW FROM PARIS TO NEW YORK WHERE HE HAD MEETINGS, NOT ONLY WITH SHULTZ, BUT ALSO WITH GROMYKO AND THE GDR FOREIGN MINISTER. KOHL FITTED IN A HALF-HOUR MEETING IN BONN WITH THE SOVIET AMBASSADOR AND TOMORROW IS SEEING THE RSFSR PRIME MINISTER SOLOMENTSEV (HERE FOR A SOVIET TRADE FAIR). THE INITIAL IMPRESSION IS THUS THAT THE NEW GOVERNMENT WILL MAINTAIN ACTIVE CONTACTS WITH THE EAST AS WELL AS THE WEST.

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